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Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Security Council

3 p.m.	5979th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Mediation and settlement of disputes

   Letter dated 3 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/590)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m.	5th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/63/1) [100]

2. Opening of the general debate [8]

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

6. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

7. Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar

8. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey

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10. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

14. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic

3 p.m. . . . . 6th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

6. Address by His Excellency General Michel Sleiman, President of the Lebanese Republic

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya

8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia

14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin

15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Rio Group (Ministerial meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico and Qatar)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

2 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland; and H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Permanent Representative of Iceland (on Iceland's new fund for the Island Growth Initiative)

4.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland; and H.E. Mr. Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

7.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

Conference Room 4

5.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Security Council stakeout

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation

4.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. . . . . 7th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Victor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fernando Lugo Méndez, President of the Republic of Paraguay
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Aníbal António Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic
6. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso
13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel
14. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China

    Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramón Machado Ventura, First Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba

3 p.m. . . . . 8th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of the Republic of Estonia

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia
8. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Colom Caballeros, President of the Republic of Guatemala
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland
13. Address by His Excellency Army General François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic
14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde
15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bamir Topi, President of the Republic of Albania
16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
17. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Bayar Sanj, Prime Minister of Mongolia

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, at a time and venue to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1)[1]; list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, which will be issued as document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Wednesday, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (25 September 2008)

A high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2008, with an opening segment starting at 8.45 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Immediately thereafter, three parallel round tables will be held in the morning and continue in the afternoon. The venues will be announced at a later date. The closing segment will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The three round tables will address the following themes and two cross-cutting issues, (a) Gender equality and (b) Global partnership for development:

Round table I: Poverty and hunger (Conference Room 4)

Round table II: Education and health (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Round table III: Environmental sustainability (Economic and Social Council Chamber)

The maximum number of participants from each regional group for each round table shall be distributed as follows:

African States (18 Member States)

Asian States (18 Member States)

Eastern European States (8 Member States)

Latin American and Caribbean States (11 Member States)

Western European and other States (9 Member States)

Kiribati, the Holy See in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine in its capacity as observer, may participate in any one of the round tables.

Delegations are reminded that participation at the meeting is expected at the highest possible political level.

In order to accommodate all the participants, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*, with the understanding, that the full text can be distributed in the conference room.

The inscriptions in the round tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org)

Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2008highlevel/Partnership%20Events.pdf>.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Commonwealth (Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commonwealth (Heads of the Government Special Meeting)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (Twentieth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

OIC Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Contact Group on Iraq (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Contact Group on Somalia (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers (at the ministerial level)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 10.40 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Elke Merks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-9553 or 1 (212) 519-9744; e-mail elke.merks@minbuza.nl).]

Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension for transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Announcements

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals (25 September) and the duration of the general debate (*23 September*–3 October), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

Kindly note that the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be in use for a Troika Heads of State meeting on Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web

site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2008

Security Council

5977th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/610, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/610) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/610) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1833 (2008).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

5978th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/35).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3rd-4th plenary meetings The summary of the 3rd and 4th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/186).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Guinea-Bissau (19 September 2008)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Nicaragua (19 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (*23*-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from *today, 23* to 25 and on 29 September and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to

undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

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	Sixty-third session
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A/63/L.1	Item 57 (a) — New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support — Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly — Political declaration on Africa's development needs [A C E F R S]

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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-first session

CEDAW/C/SR.839	Meeting held on 8 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

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